

Transcript for Excerpt of a speech given by Quebec Premier René Lévesque

This mandate for negotiation does not imply Quebec separation, but rather the eventual attainment of a new understanding, which would enable us to reach two objectives at the same time: on the one hand, to recover the power to enact all our own laws, to keep all our tax revenue and to directly establish, without begging, our relations with others – and that is sovereignty – and on the other hand, to maintain with the rest of Canada a close economic association, including the use of the same currency. This is the mandate for negotiation that we ask the population to grant us. And there is no other way we would interpret a yes vote.